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# Chisholm trail to come through Shaker

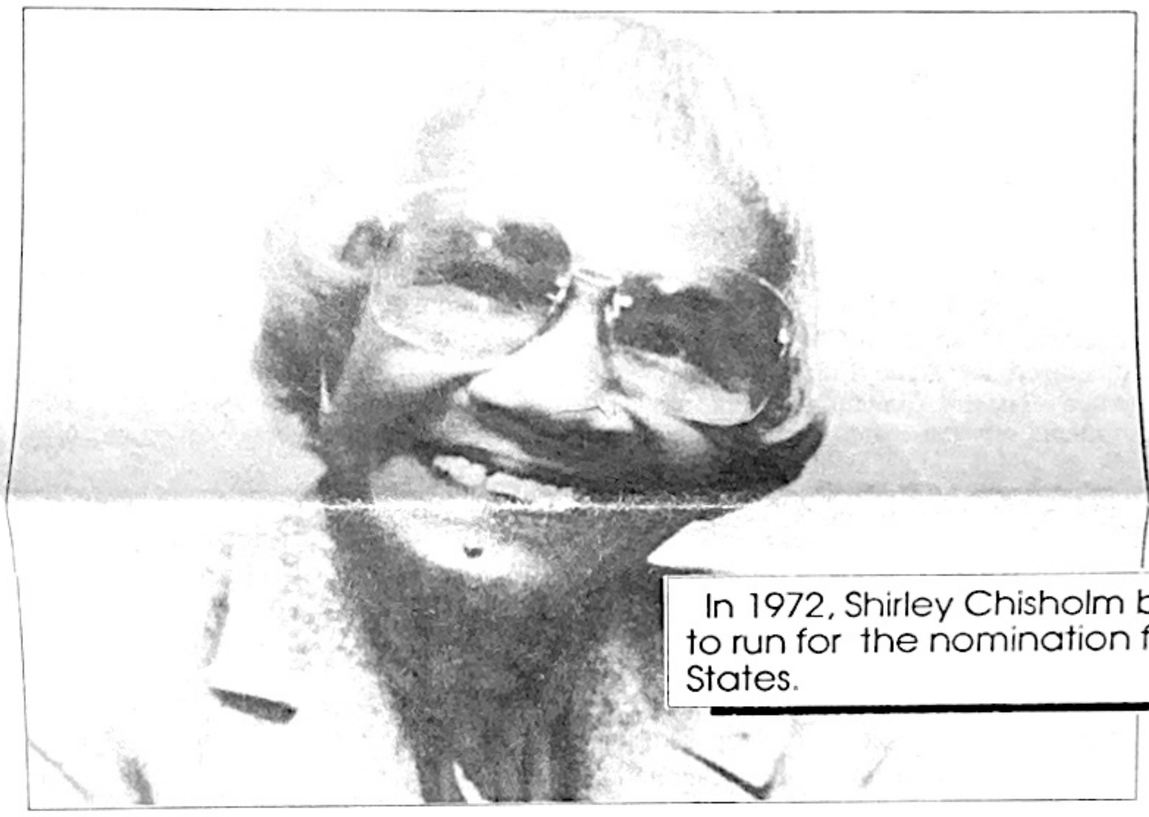
by David Ammons

The first black woman to ever run for the nomination for president of the United States, Shirley Chisholm, will be the guest speaker for the Shaker Lecture Series on Feb. 26, 1987, in the large auditorium.

"A few years ago we asked the faculty to name people they would like to hear and Shirley's name kept coming up," said Dorothy Bruggeman of the Shaker Lecture Series.

Chisholm entered the 91st Congress as a freshman in 1969. She was assigned to the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry and Rural Villages, a position which did not relate to her district. Chisholm made the unprecedented move of placing an amendment before the House to remove her name from the committee assignment. She prevailed and was granted a seat on the Veteran's Affairs Committee which had some relevancy to her district.

In 1972, accepting the challenge of a college student, Chisholm campaigned for the Democratic nomination for President. Although unsuccessful, her name, her ideas, and her commitment were imbedded in America's consciousness.



In 1972, Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman to run for the nomination for President of the United States.

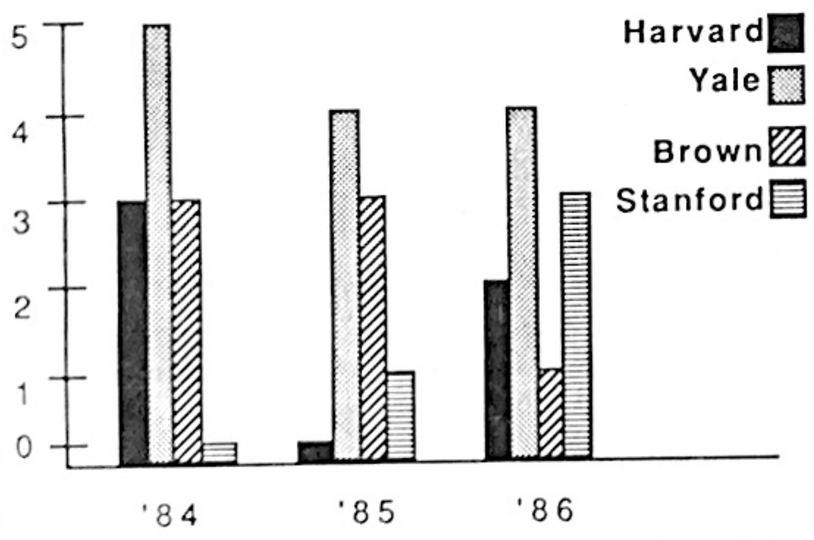
Chisholm has earned praise for her efforts on behalf of Black colleges, compensatory education, minimum wage for domestics, American Indians, the Haitian refugees, migrant farmworkers and the poor. Chisholm's hard work earned her a seat on the powerful House Rules Committee in 1977, making her the only woman and the only Black American on the committee. Chisholm was also an outspoken member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

In February of 1982, Representative Chisholm announced her retirement from Congress bringing to end an illustrious 13-year career as a Congresswoman. Chisholm retired as the senior Democratic woman in the House of Representatives. She pledged never to remain in politics throughout her productive and creative life, and she expressed her frustration in serving the people of her district while conservatives control government in Washington.

The author of two books, "Unbought and Unbossed," her autobiography, and "The Good Fight," the story of her 1972 bid for the Presidency, Chisholm has been teaching, writing, and lecturing around the country in hopes of creating a new national state of mind that demands peace, prosperity and equality for all Americans.

## Seniors stack up

Five students from the class of 1987 were admitted to the class of 1991 at Harvard University, the highest such number in ten years. The following is a four-year study of the four most selective colleges and their acceptance of Shaker applicants.




# Shaker in 'Jeopardy!'

## White, Galvin tackle trivia on popular game show

by Dustin Klein

"Jeopardy!" will feature Shaker Middle School Latin and mathematics teacher Robert White and senior Michael Galvin as contestants on Feb. 12 and Feb. 17, respectively.

Last year White sent in about 40 postcards to a Cleveland contestant search. One of White's postcards was drawn along with 249 others to compete at the Bond Court Hotel downtown.

The participants were broken up into four groups who took a 50-iten test on general trivia in 13 minutes. People with the top eight scores then played a mock "Jeopardy!" game from which six were chosen to be on the show.

Galvin went through nearly the same process at Stouffer Inn On the Square.

The shows were videotaped in Los Angeles; Galvin's during winter break, and White's, on Nov. 11.

White said that five shows were taped each day–three in the morning and two in the afternoon. Each set of games was taped with a different studio audience.

The game is played exactly as it is seen on television. During the commercials, the contestants must turn their backs in case the computers spew out any information.

White came in second place in his game and won a trip to the Bahamas.

Galvin, however, did not release information about the outcome of his game.

*"If you remember enough useless things, chances are you'll remember some useful things too."* –Robert White

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# SGORR provides basis for community groups

by John-Phillip Neill

Expanding its ideas throughout the community, the Student Group On Race Relations (SGORR) is incorporating its philosophy into activities with local and national organizations this school year.

SGORR is a group of 70 to 100 high school students whose goal is to create an awareness in sixth grade students of how people relate to each other. Three times throughout the school year, teams of SGORR students visit each sixth grade classroom in the district to discuss concepts such as prejudice, discrimination and self image. The group was formed in 1983 in order to avoid the loss of interracial friendships after elementary school.

Although SGORR's program was originally created for Shaker students, several other community organizations have taken an interest in SGORR. They have recognized the merit in SGORR's race relations program and have called upon the student organization to help create similar programs, instruct their facilitators, or to moderate committee meetings.

"SGORR'S program is not only there to teach elementary school students about racial and social discrimination," said junior Jeff Edelman, SGORR member. "It is also a support group for the whole community."

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**SGORR adviser Marcia Jaffe meets with high school members to discuss plans for future activities.**

Last November and December, the National Council of Christians and Jews displayed an Anne Frank exhibit at the Allen Theatre downtown. After area students saw the exhibit, approximately 18 SGORR members took part in leading discussions involving prejudice and discrimination.

Also in December, the Cleveland Public School System asked SGORR to introduce its concepts to students at Audobon Junior High School.

The Shaker chapter of the League of Women Voters is using SGORR's curriculum as a basis for their parent program on race relations. Throughout January and February, SGORR and the League are working together to introduce the sixth grade parents to the ideas their elementary school children have been discussing in SGORR.

Other organizations SGORR has been involved with include the Parent/Teacher Association, Affinity Baptist Church youth program and the Tri-C Human Relations Council.

"It's really important to talk to others besides sixth graders," said SGORR member Elizabeth Meadows, a participant in several of the activities.

SGORR looks at the new programs as an opportunity to broaden the teaching of their philosophy.

"By SGORR training people to (teach) others, that's where the learning and awareness grow," said SGORR's faculty adviser Marcia Jaffe, a sixth grade teacher at Mercer.

According to Jaffe, SGORR hopes to eventually copyright its program, publishing its concepts to further expand racial awareness.

# *Committee submits reorganization plans*

by Caryn Markus

A decision on the reorganization of elementary schools will be made this March based on the recommendations of the Elementary Organization Committee. The recommendations were presented to the Shaker Heights Board of Education on Jan. 13.

The Elementary Organization Committee is chaired by Onaway principal Jean Sylak, who also serves as executive director of elementary education. The 40 member committee includes primary and intermediate teachers from each building, administrators, central office representatives, psychologists, nurses and special area teachers.

Restructuring of the present system is necessary due to declining enrollment, varying distribution of students and meeting a need for better racial integration. Taking these aspects into consideration, the committee has designed three separate proposals. Each plan involves the closing of elementary schools. The three organizational structures proposed are kindergarten through sixth; kindergarten through third, and fourth though sixth; and lastly kindergarten through fourth, and fifth through sixth. The last plan involves reopening Woodbury and using it as an upper elementary school housing fifth and sixth graders.

Though no definite decisions have been reached as to which schools will be closed, however, the committee feels the need to do so is definite.

"A lot of people want the changes," said Sylak, "but no one wants it to be 'my school.'"

Before agreeing on a plan, the committee considered 25 educational elements they felt were most important regardless of the structure chosen.

The reorganizational plans will be instituted by next fall.

# Conservatives form service organization

by Jull Alfred

Labeled as a volunteer and community service organization, the Conservative Coalition was organized last November to promote political awareness, according to the group's founder, senior Julie Lutjen.

"Most people at Shaker think conservative is a bad word. We're just trying to dispel their misconceptions," Lutjen said.

Although the group opposes divestment in South Africa and the methods of leaders Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandella, they offer reasons behind that decision.

"We want the American corporations to remain in South Africa, because their divestment would hurt the blacks we are ultimately trying to protect," Lutjen said.

Another misconception Lutjen wishes to clarify is that the group is conservative, not Republican or Democrat, and many members have "middle of the road views."

In addition to opposing divestment, the group supports the Nicaraguan contras and widespread use of nuclear energy.

Recently, the group volunteered at the Veterans Administration hospital and are now trying to sponsor speakers, including the spokeswoman for CEI who would discuss the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and Shaker alumni involved with politics in Washington, D.C.

The group has 15 to 20 members with "very similar views" according to Lutjen. They meet most Mondays for discussion and planning. Teachers Frank Warnament and Anthony Otero sponsor the group.

# News In Brief. . .

The French Club is sponsoring its third annual ski trip to Quebec City from Feb. 27 to Mar. 2. Approximately 25 students will be going, accompanied by foreign language department head Frank Warnement and typing teacher Larry Gold.

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Rehearsals for the musical review "Apple Tree" have begun. The cast of 80 is preparing for Feb. 19, 20 and 21 performances. James Thornton is directing, Ronald Morgan is the musical director and Sara Smith is in charge of instrumentals.

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History Day 1987 is fast approaching. Districts will be held on April 11, 1987 followed by state tournaments in May. This year's theme is "Liberty: Rights and Responsibilities in History." Topics range from examining the issue of freedom of the press versus the right to a fair trial to why were Greek women excluded from citizenship in fifth and sixth century Athens?

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The Ohio Music Education Association will sponsor the State Solo Ensemble Contest to be held at the high school on Jan. 31, 1987, lasting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 50 high schools from around Northeast Ohio will be represented. One hundred thirty-five students from Shaker will participate with 75 percent competing in the top category.

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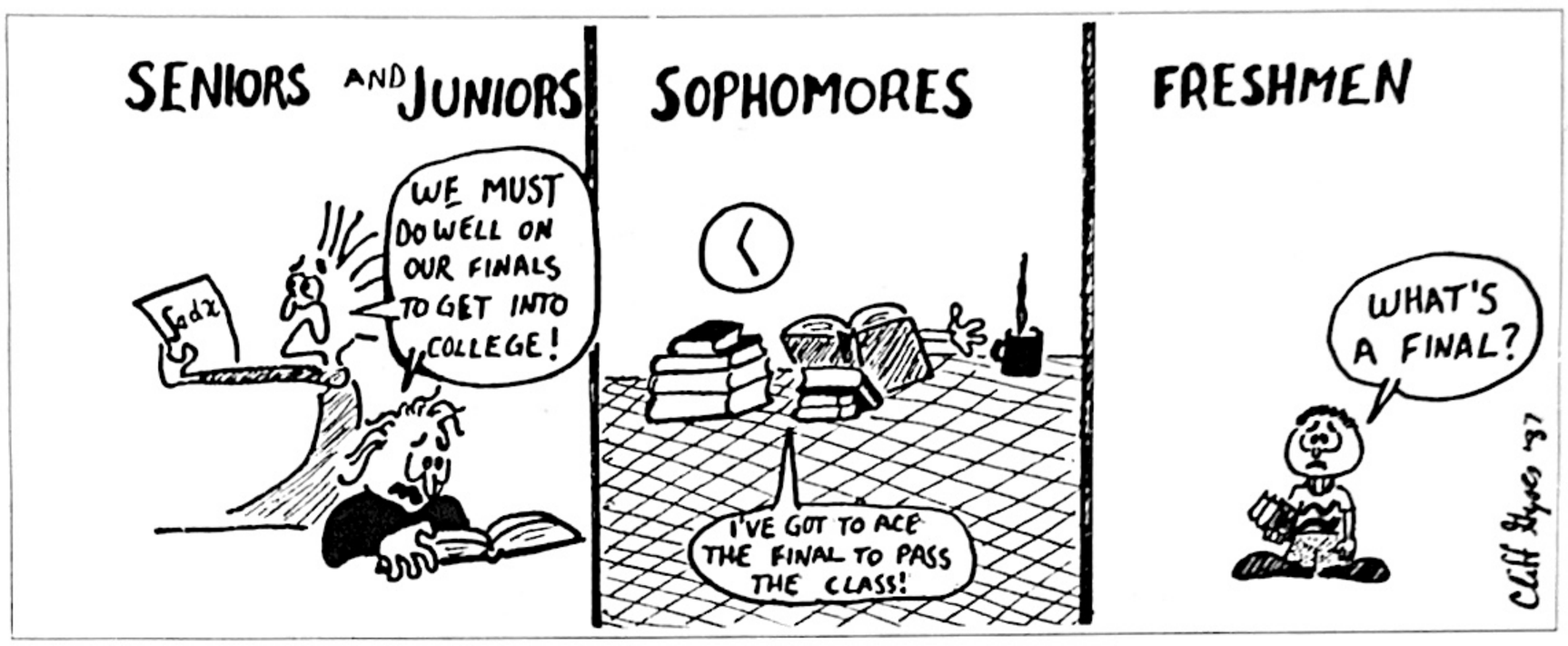
# Teachers take fun out of vacation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WHAT'S A FINAL?
Cliff Hynes '87

"VACATION-a time of freedom from school. This is how Thorndike-Barnhart dictionary defines vacation. Yet, this definition is not the same found in the book of the Shaker Heights Board of Education. If it were the same, then we would be a lot "freer" with little work as opposed to the overload we have now.

Shaker teachers delight in piling on the homework when vacation rolls around. They think that vacation is a time when students are out of school; therefore, they are probably wasting time. They see it fit to give homework so they can find productive use for their time. And it isn't just a little "busy work" to keep students out of trouble. It usually amounts to massive doses of reading a lot of worksheets, and occasionally an extensive project.

If teachers are going to assign a lot of homework, why have vacations? Vacation should be a time when a student can relax, spend his time leisurely, and be free from the daily pressures of the classroom. If he wants to sit around and watch soap operas all day, that's his prerogative. If he wants to sleep all day, that's OK too. But, is it really vacation if he wakes up everyday thinking, "So how many problems will I do today?" The student has the same anxiety that he endures throughout the regular school year.

It doesn't make much sense having finals immediately after vacation ends. Students have to get rid of the 'rust' which develops over vacation, and immediately switch into high gear in preparing for finals. The timing of finals ought to be changed. Maybe, they could be held before vacation, which really makes more sense. This would free students of any obligation before vacation.

We should not diminish the importance of vacations, an important and necessary respite from the tensions and pressures of the typical school day, where most students work very hard. If a 'vacation' is just an excuse to give more work to students, then we might as well stay in school, where our minds really remain.

# *Is silent library really beneficial for students?*

by Dustin Klein

*We must come up with a better policy for our library now. . .all the students I talked to disagreed with both Harper and the library's policy.*

It's fourth period. You are in the library sitting at a table working on homework with a friend. You're completely lost on the assignment and your friend is helping out. Midway through the explanation your train of thought and understanding is lost as the voice of a librarian bellows through the air, "No talking; the library is for silent study only!"

"But!" you say.

"But nothing," she says, "Either quiet or go elsewhere."

We cannot be forced to suffer with this totally silent library rule any longer, and we must come up with a better policy for our library now.

The library silent study policy forbids talking regardless of volume or the librarian will remove you.

"There are lots of other places in the building where people can talk, "said head librarian Phyllis Harper.

But where? There is obviously no talking in the hallways during class. The cafeteria is either too loud or a "no talking" study hall. Except for during the first five weeks of school, the outside is of basically no purpose for students to go to.

This leaves the gallery near the main office, but how many people can fit in there? Not nearly enough to accommodate the number of "nomadic" people meandering the hallways because of the failure of all other places.

However, Harper did say, "We've had many more students tell us it's great to have a silent place to study than people complaining about it."

Yet, all the students I talked to disagreed with both Harper and the library's policy.

Sophomore Caryn Markus said, "I don't think it serves any purpose. I don't know what it's for; it dissuades students from going to work in the library. If it's an absolute necessity, I guess I'll go."

Senior Jon McFarland agreed,"By strictly enforcing silent study, the librarians are only hurting the students by not allowing them to study efficiently."

Harper did say that the college conference rooms near the front of the library can be talked in, but they are normally taken up by teacher's classes. These classes are reserved for up to months in advance.

Perhaps, if the front of the library allows quiet talking in it, and the back half, where the individual desks are, is kept silent, both "silent" students and students who want to confer with others, will be happy in the end. But if we keep the library "as is, " the students will continue to stay away from the library and have problems finding other places in the building to work."

# 1986–its ups and downs

by Dan Polster

Do you remember what you were doing exactly one year ago? Some of you may have been recovering from finals, while others had not entered these great halls of learning. Well, whatever you were doing, a lot of changes have taken place between then and now.

It is fairly safe to guess that Shaker students of one year ago would laugh if they were told that one of their peers, Kevin Khayat, would run for County Commissioner, or that the Morning Exchange would broadcast from Shaker.

What would you say if you were told that the levy would barely pass by 60 votes, that the field hockey team would go to the state finals, and that Principal Al Zimmerman and librarian Larry Rakow would announce their retirements?

Well, 1986 was quite a year not only for Shaker, but for the city of Cleveland as well. The biggest news, of course, was that Cleveland was chosen as the future site of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

With the improved play of the *Indians, Browns and Cleveland State Vikings, Cleveland's on a roll.*

What a roller coaster ride the entertainment world went through this year! Movies such as "Top Gun" and "Aliens" were huge hits, while "Howard the Duck" was a bomb at the box office.

Television experienced the same trend the past year. "Moonlighting" occupied everyone's Tuesday night, while Heraldo Rivera's "Al Capone's Vaults" should have remained closed.

1986 did have tragic moments, unfortunately, with the deaths of the seven Space Shuttle astronauts, Maryland basketball star Len Bias, and Browns' safety Don Rogers. Closer to home, we were all shocked by the auto accident that killed some Mayfield Hts. youths, and the death of Heights football player, Andrew Venable.

So the past 12 months were filled with many unforgettable moments, both good and bad. Only one thing can be stated with certainty: they will all be remembered for years to come.

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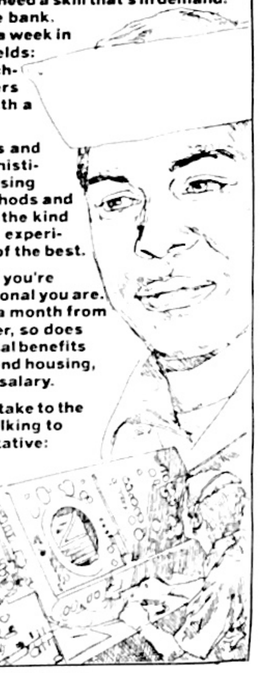


NAVY
IT'S NOT JUST A JOB. IT'S AN ADVENTURE.

## Bookstore owners' lives plagued by moral issues

by Michelle Brode

The life of a bookstore owner . . . plagued by moralistic issues such as, "Should biographies be shelved according to their author or title? If I sell paperbacks will I be compromising my literary integrity? Will Lucy the stockboy be offended by her title?"

Perhaps a less trivial issue to a bookstore operator is the decision whether or not to carry Cliffs Notes or other literary supplements.

"Cliffs Notes are not educationally viable," said Joel C. Turner, president of Undercover Books. His store, located at Van Aken Center, does not sell Cliffs Notes.

Booksellers at Pavilion Mall sells every title Cliffs Notes publishes. President of Booksellers Joan Hulbert said, "I'm not in the business of making . . . educational decisions."

"I know there are people who have taken a moral issue of it," said Hulbert, "but I ask them about authors like Judy Blume and Danielle Steele [and books like] The Anarchist's Cookbook, which actually tells you how to make bombs."

Turner disagrees. He feels a comparison between the literary value of an author and the educational value of Cliffs Notes is invalid.

Undercover Books will soon be carrying Random House Keynotes, another literary supplement seemingly designed so that one must read the book in order to understand the Keynotes.

"I am pleased that we have found something that we can sell that's consistent with our high standards," said Turner.

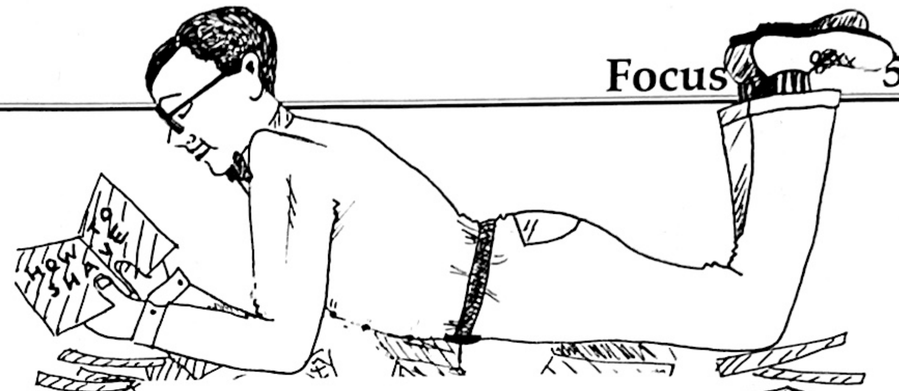
Booksellers has found the literary supplement business to be quite profitable. Sales for Cliffs notes total between $12,000 and $14,000 annually, while Barrons brings in approximately $6,500.

"The only thing we have on computer is [the list of books that] the schools have used for the past 10 years," Hulbert said.

She noted that sales are greatest towards the end of summer and the period of time prior to final exams.

According to Hulbert, students who buy Cliffs Notes "generally seem to be grade conscious, not education conscious."

Booksellers has found that Cliffs Notes on works by Shakespeare, Homer and Dante seem to sell the most.



# Meet Mr. Cliffs

by Paige Weber

*Meet Mr. Cliffs. He's here to defend Cliffs Notes because they've done a lot for him. When he was very young, he crawled into a clothes dryer "to see how it would feel." To protect him from future perils, his concerned parents asked a group of professionals to create manuals that would cover all the experiences he would encounter throughout life.*

*Mr. Cliffs grew up well-informed and safe. Today the Cliffs Notes still help him to remember facts, names and events. He is organized, productive and happy.*

"I disapprove of Cliffs Notes replacing the book," said an anonymous English teacher. All of the English teachers interviewed, however, said the same thing. Why?

Cliffs Notes contain a list of a book's characters, individual chapter summaries, commentaries, questions and theme topics. Basically, Cliffs Notes contain everything a student would need to pass a test.

English teacher Kathleen Howard stated, "Students will be tested by the teacher--not by the Cliffs Notes. Study guides written by a teacher have a different orientation."

"I use Cliffs Notes right before a test to review characters and to understand the story better," said senior Marc Hitzig. "And I use the chapter summaries."

Cherese Rivers, senior, said, "[I use Cliffs Notes] to get a better description of the characters. Other than that, they don't help me at all."

***December 22, 1988.*** *Mr. Cliffs opens his apartment door to a huge plant with a sloppy red bow and a grinning couple he swears he's never seen before.*

*"Happy holidays!" they shout. "We could tell you love plants. We think it's a cactus, we're not sure."*

*Confused, Mr. Cliffs pulls his latest manual out of a vest pocket. He looks at the section titled CAST OF CHARACTERS. He sees "Neighbors: Zelda and Frank Potts; accountants, apartment 201."*

*Confidently, Mr. Cliffs offers a calculator from his back pocket. "And here's a present for you!" The Potts are pleased, and the day is saved.*

Cliffs Notes contain a lot of information. "But reading should be more than just getting information," said Howard.

Another English teacher said, "Students who read only the Cliffs Notes aren't as able to contribute to class discussion."

***January 4, 1988.*** *Mr. Cliffs attends a cocktail party where he is introduced to Mark Chambers, an exotic animal hunter and the first man to drink Coke with pop rocks and not explode. "What can we talk about?" wonders Mr. Cliffs.*

*He flips to the back of his Cliffs notes, to the section titled SUGGESTED THEME TOPICS. Underneath that, his present situation is described. "Discuss physical strength," advises the manual, "Discuss beer." Mr. Cliffs slaps him on the back and shouts, "Say, how about that Superbowl?" Again, he's a success.*

Despite Cliffs Notes' content, English teachers still seem to feel that they lack something.

"Students who use them in place of the book are missing the value of the literature," said English teacher Jane Elbrecht.

"So much of the pleasure in reading is understanding the language and style," said Howard. "You're not getting the same flavor . . . the poetry of the whole experience. You also get a sense of emotion from reading.

"Cliffs Notes are dry and dull," said Howard. "They don't spark the senses or the imagination."

*Mr. Cliffs' notes have gotten him through some fairly awkward situations. He has Cliffs Notes for everything--the neighbors, his job, current events, the stock market. The manuals have proved extremely useful. How exciting, though, are his NOTES ON AMUSEMENT PARKS? His CLIFF'S NOTES ON SEX? Mr. Cliffs isn't quite sure he wouldn't rather experience those events.*

# Two from Shaker to compete on 'Jeopardy!'

## Reading pays off for senior Galvin

by Amy Hanson

What does it take for a teenager to appear on national TV?

"They wanted to see if you could say, 'I'll take Canada for 300, please, Alex'...and speak in questions," senior Michael Galvin said about the purpose of a practice "Jeopardy!" game he played to become a contestant. Galvin quoted another criterion as being "great presence of mind and game-playing ability."

David Bromberg, a senior, has a theory about his friend's acceptance to the show.

"He reads all the time," said Bromberg. "He reads like 12 magazines and newspapers regularly...and he has an incredible memory, so he knows a lot to begin with."

Jane Elbrecht, Galvin's debate coach, and Carol Fox, his Academic Decathlon coach, consider Galvin a reservoir of knowledge.

"He just listens to everything that goes on," said Elbrecht. "I would think that he would go home and look up more information about some of the things he's heard."

*"He's basically interested in learning a lot of things for his own sake," said Fox.*

In one of the competitions for Academic Decathlon, team members deliver impromptu speeches, given one minute to prepare and two minutes to speak on a general topic. A judge who rated Galvin's speech last year, Fox said, found it hard to believe that he did not know the topics ahead of time. Galvin also received the First Place Overall Honors Student award in the 1986 competition.

Bromberg believes that Galvin's experience with debate and Academic Decathlon helped his chances to compete on "Jeopardy!"

"He's not the kind of person who would clam up or choke on stage," said Bromberg. "He's used to pressure. All those things have pressure."

Galvin agrees with Bromberg about the stress of being on "Jeopardy!"

"It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," said Galvin. "...It teaches you to deal with pressure. If I'm ever on TV again I'll know what to expect. It's just another way of learning to deal with pressure. It was intense."

Galvin's experience has helped him prepare for later adventures in his life which include an education at Harvard University next fall. For his future, he said, "I'd like to study something and do well at it and probably teach it." He also added,"Someday I'd like to run an inn in Vermont."

And how is this "Jeopardy!" star receiving his recent fame?

In stride, according to Bromberg, who says Galvin hasn't changed since his appearance on "Jeopardy!"

"Only his underwear," said Bromberg.

HURWITZ

**Senior Michael Galvin and middle school teacher Robert White share their experiences after being on "Jeopardy!" White receives a blow from the Latin book while telling off-color stories from the course curriculum.**

## White tests his trivia knowledge

by Amy Hanson

"At first I thought it was some fake," said middle school Latin and mathematics teacher Robert White concerning a phone call he received from ABC announcing his acceptance on "Jeopardy!" After he was convinced the offer was official, his thoughts were "number one, 'It's about time, ' number two, 'Can I afford this?' and number three, 'Should I bring the wife?'"

That phone call was a dream come true for White.

"He's been watching 'Jeopardy!' since he was a kid," said "the wife," mathematics teacher Lori White. "For as long as I've known him he's said he's always wanted to be on 'Jeopardy!'"

She said that White's friends used to suggest that he compete on the show because of his trivia knowledge.

"It's how much he reads," she said. "He reads anything he can get his hands on...and then (it's) his ability to recall the information."

White's sister Ruth, a sophomore, thinks his wit was useful for the game.

"He's really clever," she said. "He's so smart he can shoot off comments and because they're so funny they'll make you roll."

White expressed his devotion to "Jeopardy!"

"None (of the other game shows) can compare with the questions on 'Jeopardy!' Most are just there to display merchandise."

On "Jeopardy!" White said, the emphasis is not on gifts but on general knowledge. He believes that the trivia format on the show teaches the contestants important facts.

"If you remember enough useless things," said White, "chances are you'll remember some useful things too."

He is content with his prize but adds, "If I had had more favorable categories, who knows what would have happened?"

BE SURE TO WATCH
'JEOPARDY!'

FEB.12–Robert White
FEB. 17–Michael Galvin
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# Lee enters national music competition

by Steven Michel

Last month as you perhaps illegally wandered the halls during a free period, you could hear the strains of violin music leaking from the small auditorium. No, it was not your imagination or elevator music, it was senior Michael Lee preparing for the Arts Recognition and Talent Search competition in Miami, Florida, for high school seniors.

Lee was one of 29 musicians and only four violinists to be selected as a finalist from over 1900 applicants. Informed of his acceptance in early December, Lee practiced an average of four hours on weekdays and six on weekends in preparation of his three audition pieces. Normally practicing for two hours a day, Lee found he had to sacrifice his work for The Shakerite and speech and debate to prepare.

"You can't really expect to get anywhere on two hours a day," said Lee.

On returning from the six days at the competition, though, he said, "After listening to the other musicians I was just glad to make it to Miami; it was an honor to be there. It was an incredible week for listening."

Each player was rated as class I, II or III, with respectively diminishing cash awards. Lee was awarded a $1500 prize but said, "Getting in is the thing; it automatically puts you in position for scholarships and invitations to perform."

Although Lee has been playing since age six, he is presently undecided about his music future: "I don't know if I'm ready to make music my career. I just know I enjoy playing."

# Raider athletes deserve more

by Peter Nagusky

On the wintry morning of Jan. 11, the city of Cleveland was painted brown and orange, its people were singing 'Bernie, Bernie', and its businesses were going Dawg-gone nuts.

Forty-five athletes elevated the Flats, united a joke-riddled town, bettered its image and made Clevelanders feel good about themselves.

In a smaller sense, athletes from Shaker can have the same exact effect upon this community. They can, like no others, give the people of this suburb a special surge of pride.

Whether it is Curtis Owens or the third line of the 4-4 hockey team, every Shaker athlete is doing his or her best to create this euphoria for the high school's student body and community.

Some nearby schools, like Hawken and University, are so convinced that they offer athletic scholarships. In fact, good athletics at colleges and universities reap unweighed benefits.

A year after the Vikings from Cleveland State had run, stunned and won the hearts of hoop fans nationwide, enrollment there jumped above 125 percent. Georgetown officials once calculated that Patrick Ewing, alone, directed 20 million added dollars toward their university.

Our high school is ranked among the elite 10 in the nation, mostly for its fine scholastic achievements. The school likes to believe they are providing this education equally to athletes and non-athletes alike. But, in this regard, Shaker is failing.

Raider athletes are not getting what they deserve from the school. As far as help academically, the busy lettermen are offered only the Tutoring Center - an excellent program, but untimely for most athletes.

Being a student-athlete and in contact with numerous others, it is my feeling that many times we have been shortchanged. The school offers nobody - other than the individual coaches, who teach several classes each day - to help students involved in sports to manage their time, to keep up their grades and to answer any academic related questions they might have.

Never have I been in the Tutoring Center during soccer season. Yet, out of season I have been there many nights. Oftentimes, I had trouble keeping up with the rugged, demanding schedule a varsity athlete must face at the high school. Never did I feel comfortable contacting my coach; and I am not alone.

I believe there is a remedy for this. But first, let me encourage athletes, students, coaches, teachers, administrators, and anybody in the community to write in your views on the issue. And in the next issue, with your opinions, I will attempt to propose what I believe to be a sensible solution to the problem.

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# Shaker's check mate

## 'Big Bri' prefers heavy contact on the ice at wintertime and on the field during fall

by Peter Nagusky

As a junior, nosetackle Brian Spring delivered a devastating blow to the Garfield quarterback, and with it, their chances of departing the oval as victors against the Raiders.

During the winter months, the all-LEL lineman has amassed too many penalties. Bad judgement and irascibility don't make a good team. Because of it, his ice time is limited.

True, an ill-timed two to 10 minute stay in the penalty box can hurt a squad's performance and chance for victory. Yet, a hard hit can frequently fire up a slumping team or force the opposition to shy off.

On the night of Jan. 9, 'Big Bri' got the two mixed up. With 7:06 left in the third, the impetuous Spring pummelled into the Padua goal after a loose puck, moving anything that dared to stand in his way. When an opposing player threw a wild arm at him, Spring partook in the ensuing scuffle. From there, chance for a Red and White win were lost.

In 1985 Spring broke a door performing a vicious forecheck. Although league and school officials do not promote rough play, most have probably snickered a few times after a good hit by big #20. In fact, he might very well be the hardest hitter to walk Shaker's halls since Dan Straffon. Years back, Straffon shattered the Thornton Park plexiglass with a relentless check.

"Shattering the boards? That's freaking hard," Spring said in disbeliefwhen asked if he could someday equal Staffon's feat. "I don't know. Maybe."

# Channel 8 lauds Levine for leadership

by Jonathan Mester

Shaker achieved a first when senior wrestler Marty Levine was named "Sportsman of the Week" by a local television station. Channel 8, WJW, bestowed Levine with the honor following his victory at 112 lbs. in the Brush Invitational tournament on Dec. 13. The segment was aired on the 6 o'clock news on Dec. 17, and again as part of a weekly show Dec. 21. The segment included footage of Woodbury Center and the journalism room at the high school.

The award is well deserved. Levine is regarded by his coaches and teammates as a hard worker and leader by example.

"We have never had anyone else here like him, and we probably never will," comments coach Dave Sedmack.

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Despite a disappointing 0-4 start in the LEL, including an 82-52 whitewashing by arch-rival Cleveland Heights, boys basketball coach Bob Wonson hesitates to point the finger at any one factor.

"The league is strong," he testifies. "but we know if we live up to our potential we can beat anyone. It is partially my fault, as well. I am the captain of the ship and so far I have not gotten the most out of the team. But if we commit fewer turnovers, shoot better, and play better defensively, I fully expect us to finish with a winning record this year."

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Home hockey games are becoming a serious problem. Due to fan and player rowdiness, a Dec. 18 game against Kent Roosevelt was stopped with slightly over two minutes remaining. A similar incident occured earlier this year when the matchup versus University had to be halted during the first period because U.S. fans began peltıng the ice with rice patties. In the second period of the Jan. 9 Padua game, play was also suspended for quite some time.

The attempt to prevent this by putting security guards in the home bleachers has been failing. Nobody oversees the visiting side, which is where most of the problem lies.

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For any Red Raiders currently experiencing frustration in their sport, recall Katie Samsot. Samsot graduated from Shaker last year, where she was the sole female on the varsity soccer squad. She was recognized in The Plain Dealer for her success last year. This season as a freshman walk-on at the University of North Carolina, she played for the women's team that won the NCAA national championship.

## Raider watching

**TUESDAY**

*Boys' Basketball* vs.Lakewood
Home at 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

*Boys' Basketball* vs. Garfield
Home at 6:30 p.m.
*Boys' Swimming* @ Shaw
7:00 p.m.
*Girls' Swimming* vs. Beaumont
Home at 7:00 p.m.
*Wrestling* @ Warrensville
7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

*Girls' Basketball* vs. Parma
Home at 2:00 p.m.
*Hockey* @ University
4:30 p.m.

# Swimmers ready, set to go in weekend meets

## *Girls challenge Beaumont Friday at home*

by Kristen McGovern

This season has been nothing but success for the girls' swim team, as they presently rank third in the district, and are, according to coach Ernie Welch, "the toughest in the state."

He and his swimmers will have an opportunity to back that statement up when they meet a Beaumont squad Friday at 7 p.m. in the Woodbury Center pool.

So far this season, five school records have been broken, making this campaign even more successful than last year's. Junior Colleen Manning, sophomore Alayne Gordon, and freshman Francesca Gambetti and Stephanie Sexton broke ancient records. Manning established a new 100 yard breast stroke school record. Gordon, along with Gambetti and Sexton, broke the 400 yard freestyle record. Gambetti and Sexton also each set new fly records, at distances of 100 yards and 500 yards, respectively. These four girls have helped the team reach its ultimate peak.

The team is particularly young comprised of three seniors, seven juniors, ten sophomores, and eleven freshman. The entire team is "very close together and their successes rub off on each other," according to Welch.

"Last year we surprised a lot of people with our achievements. This year we'll shock them," he testifies.

The squad is headed for the post-season tournament and, hopefully the state championship. Welch is confident that they will do better than last year in these events, but it is ultimately up to the swimmers.

# *Hard working guys travel to Shaw to face Cardinals*

by Matt Lazarus

*Coming off impressive first place victories at the Cleveland Heights and Timken Relays, the boys' swim team must prepare themselves for their meet Friday against Shaw.*

The Cardinals, a formidable team, is a necessary victory if the Red and White are to win the LEL. The Raiders are prepared to maul the Cardinals.

Despite the loss of 10 seniors, first year coach Jim Walsh feels his team has filled the spots well. The swimmers account for this success by the hard work they put into the program. They can be found working out in the pool or the weight room at all hours. The work has apparently paid off.

"We are a lot better than anyone expected us to be," comments freshman letterman Devin Freidman, one of the many who have come along to fill the open spots with success.

The team has to follow up the Shaw meet with victories against Cleveland Heights and Lakewood on Jan. 23 and Feb. 6, respectively. Only then will the swimmers have sole rights to the LEL title they yearn for.

# Hockey squad ready to challenge University on Saturday

by Greg Stern

In an attempt to add themselves to a long list of Red Raider league champions this year, the school hockey team is gunning for a title in their division.

The Raiders, coached by Mike Bartley, are among the frontrunners in their division and are looking for a key victory against University School on Saturday, Jan. 31. The Red and White are not at all intimidated by the 1987 Preppers.

Because the two teams participating are fierce rivals, the chances of the matchup being an intense, hard hitting, close game are very good.

The Raiders' season looked hopeless after a 10-0 shut-out defeat to Cleveland Heights. But, the 4-4 Shaker squad came back to shock former state champion St. Edward on Jan. 18. According to members of the team, the week of practices before games made the difference.

Although the team has been hampered by injuries, they have seemed to come together after the big St. Ed's win. They have had good scoring punch from senior Richard Robinson, the team's leading scorer with 15 goals.

Another of those goals is to win their respective division. Shaker joins squads from Kent Roosevelt, University School, Trinity and Elyria in the East conference of the Red Division.

### Looking On

**Mike Bartley watches his team from behind the Thornton Park bench, the site of the Sun. matchup against University.**

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